

Lost in the Jungle of Colombia



Write the names of members of your group here:

While on a whitewater rafting journey down the dangerous and remote Yari River (*or Rio Yari in Spanish*) in Colombia, South America, you and your friends come across some very dangerous river rapids. Even though you are scared, you decide to try to go through the rapids...

Things went terribly wrong and your raft was overturned by rapids! Everything and everyone fell out into the river. One person in your group was able to save a backpack with some supplies before it floated away. However, everything else is gone. You are hundreds of miles away from other people.

YOU ONLY HAVE:

- * 1 box of matches
- * 1 bottle of water
- * 3 granola bars
- * 1 long rope
- * 1 swiss army knife



WHAT WOULD YOUR GROUP DO TO SURVIVE?

Discuss and decide as a group a plan for survival, using the materials you have and remembering to PRWF. On a separate piece of paper, one member of your group needs to write down what you all decide to do.

In a survival situation, don't forget to "Please Remember What's First" (PRWF).

- 1. Protection-** You need to make sure that you protect the people in your group from whatever may be around you. This includes animals, insects, temperature, sun, and rain.
- 2. Rescue-** It's important to let rescuers know where you are, so you should make a smoky signal fire, a big SOS sign, or something else.
- 3. Water-** Humans need water to survive. A person can only live 3-5 days without water!
- 4. Food-** Food is also very important for survival, though you can survive for a very long time without it (if you have water). Food is important to give your body energy. Sometimes in the wild, you have to become a little creative about what you eat and how you get it.

A STORY FROM REAL LIFE

“In November 2011, Maciej and friend Tomek were three weeks into an ambitious and adrenaline-fuelled rafting trip when their boat flipped into Class 4 whitewater rapids...”

The activity we did in class today was based on a true story! Maciej and Tomek were two friends from Poland. They travelled all the way to Colombia, South America, to take a trip on the dangerous rapids in the remote Yari River. When their boat flipped over, Maciej and Tomek were separated. Maciej floated in the rapids down the river for a very long time, but he managed to swim onto the shore and even found the boat later! He then faced the most difficult decision of his life... **Should he go back and try to find and help his friend Tomek, or should he leave Tomek, continue down the river, and try to find a village or someone to help?**

Directions: Read the story to your parents or another grown up. Ask them these questions and then write their answers in the space provided. Then, write your answer in the second space.

Would they have looked for Tomek or left him behind? Why?

Write their answer here:

Do you agree with the answer above? Why or why not? Write your answer here:
